stood that the phraseology or terminology employed herein is for the purpose of description and not of limitation.

What is claimed is:

1. A container for cosmetics, in particular a mascara unit, comprising a base element of plastic with a front shoulder extending approximately parallel to the container bottom and a threaded neck axially extending away from it, on which a screw closure cap can be threaded wherein, for the purpose of obtaining a defined final catch position of the screw closure cap, at least one stop shoulder and one return stop in the shape of a catch projection, disposed at a distance from the stop shoulder and extending over an extent E of the angle of circumference along the front shoulder, is provided in the bottom area of the threaded neck at the front shoulder, wherein a catch recess, for a catch and stop projection, said catch and stop projection having a shape and dimension at a lower end corresponding to said catch recess and in the locked state is engaged between the stop shoulder and the return stop and protrudes beyond the lower edge of the screw closure cap (14), is provided between this stop shoulder and the return stop, and wherein the thread pitch and the start of the thread of the threaded neck and the screw closure cap relative to each other are of such dimensions and are placed such that the catch and stop projection of the screw closure cap in its final catch position comes to rest with its lower end at a base of the stop shoulder of the container shoulder, wherein the top (24) of the return stop (10) is plane and oriented transversely in relation to longitudinal axis (25) of the container and

the extent E of the angle at circumference of the return stop (10) in relation to the position of the start of the thread (6) to the thread pitch (α) on the one hand, and to the position of the stop shoulder (8) at the container shoulder (3) on the other hand are chosen in such a way that in the course of closing the catch and stop projection of the screw closure cap (14) contacts the top (24) of the return stop (10) and from there arrives in said final catch position in the course of essentially steady downward movement.

2. A container in accordance with claim 1, wherein the return stop (10) is placed and is of such a size that $A > H/\tan \alpha$, where A is the distance between the base (13) of the stop shoulder (8) and the end of the return stop (10) which is facing away from the stop shoulder (8), H is the height of the return stop (10), measured starting at the container shoulder (3), and α is the thread pitch.

3. A container in accordance with claim 2, wherein the return stop (10) is placed and is of such a size that $A > H/\tan (\alpha + \Delta)$, where Δ is the thread tolerance.

4. A container in accordance with claim 1, wherein the stop shoulder (8) at the container shoulder (3) is obliquely inclined with respect to the longitudinal axis of the container while forming an undercut.

5. A container in accordance with claim 4, wherein a stop shoulder (20) of the catch and stop projection (17) of the screw closure cap (14) is obliquely inclined with respect to the longitudinal axis and corresponds to an inclined side on the stop shoulder (8) on the container shoulder (3) in such a way that the stop shoulder (8) lies flat against the stop shoulder (20) in said final catch position of the screw closure cap (14).

6. A container in accordance with claim 1, wherein the catch and stop projection (17) on the screw closure cap (14) has, looking in the peripheral direction, two sections offset in respect to each, where in said final catch position one of the sections rests on the container shoulder (3) in the catch recess between the stop shoulder (8) and the return stop (10) and the second section lies over the return stop (10).

7. A container in accordance with claim 1, wherein the container (1) is made of a relatively soft plastic.

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